



Damage from the
Nisqually Earthquake
February 28, 2001
6.8 Mg

Disaster Preparedness Month

February 3, 2003

Dear “**Disaster Preparedness Month**” Supporter:

By proclamation of Governor Gary Locke, April has once again been designated as “**Disaster Preparedness Month.**”

This month-long, all hazards campaign will highlight a statewide “**Drop, Cover and Hold**” drill on April 3rd between 9:45 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) is sponsoring National TeleCommunicators' Week April 13-19, 2003. During the “**Drop, Cover and Hold**” drill on April 3rd, radio and television broadcasters across the state will transmit a message encouraging all citizens of Washington to stop current activities and take appropriate earthquake safety action. Please call your local radio station and ask if they are going to broadcast the “**Drop, Cover and Hold**” message. The drill will be observed by state and local government agencies, schools, hospitals, businesses and the general public.

Enclosed in this packet are the materials for the 2003 campaign. Copies of videos related to emergency preparedness planning also will be available for check out from your local emergency management office, or for state agencies from Washington State Emergency Management. Please feel free to copy any of the printed materials for your clients and employees.

I look forward to working with you before, during and after the April campaign. If I can be of assistance, please call me at (253) 512-7047.

Sincerely,

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